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ABSTRACT

Schools and communities are finding new ways to provide students with quality learning opportunities outside the traditional school day. Statistics reveal that as many as 5 million children may be left alone at home each week while parents work. Before- and afterschool programs, summer learning activities, and mentoring and tutoring efforts are designed to keep kids safe during the hours they may be without adult supervision. This videotape explores the ways families, communities, businesses, and schools can provide safe, enriching, and fun approaches to learning in afterschool and summer programs. Secretary Riley and his guests discuss the need for quality programs, the ways these programs help working families, how parents, school board members and community organizations can work together to support afterschool programs, and how these programs differ from learning that takes place in the classroom. (DLW)

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